# City of Roanoke Public Works Service Center Standard Operating Procedure

**Subject: Pressure Washing SOP** 

**Revised**: 9/27/19

**Purpose:** To ensure proper guidelines are followed to protect the stormdrain systems from potential pollutants during the pressure washing process.

Responsible Party/ies: Division Manager Facilities

Division Manager Transportation
Division Manager Stormwater
Division Manager Parks

**Performance Frequency**: Any time an employee is pressure washing either on site at PWSC or properties within City of Roanoke.

**Documentation**: n/a

#### **Definitions:**

- Sediment/debris- Dirt and trash particles
- Inlet Covers a type of cover that will block water, oil and contaminants from entering the stormdrain.
- Socks/Booms a type of barrier that will allow water to flow but will absorb oils and contaminants from entering the stormdrain.

**Training:** Management and/or Supervisors will cover this SOP with all newly hired and/or temporary personnel within their first 60-days of employment.

Trainees must complete the signature section below and a copy of the signed SOP shall be sent to Environmental Management.

#### Procedure:

### 1. Equipment and Tools

- Pressure washer
- Extra fuel depending on size of project
- Depending on site; sand bags may be necessary to block the front of business doors to prevent water from entering building.
- Two 5 gallon buckets and 2 scrub brushes.

## 2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Rain gear, boots, eye protection and gloves

### 3. Site Preparation & Pollution Prevention

- Deploy appropriate inlet protection equipment to all stromdrain inlets within proximity of pressure washing sites that may be affected by pressure washing to prevent any sediment/debris from entering stormdrains.
  - Socks/booms and inlet covers will be used to prevent any pressure washing run off from enter stormdrains
  - Make sure the sock/boom or inlet cover properly fits the inlet and there are no gaps that would allow water to bypass.

**Note:** Consider ALL inlets & run-off pathways, depending on the site layout inlets could be affected if they are down gradient of project site.

## 4. Post Pressure Washing; clean-up of site

 Sweep and remove ALL remaining debris that accumulated in front of all boom/socks and inlet covers and dispose of all material properly.

Note: Use only a Broom or Shovel - do not wash any debris into drain inlets.

Trainee Name:	_Signature:
Date Trained:	

Send completed form to Environmental Management at: <a href="mailto:envmgmt@roanokeva.gov">envmgmt@roanokeva.gov</a>.